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APPENDIX I.

NOTE TO TABLE OF IMPORTS, CUSTOMS REVENUE, AND EXPENDITURES OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE tables here presented are compiled from official sources. The columns headed value of imports are taken from the *Report on Commerce and Navigation* for 1892, p. lxxiv, supplemented by direct official information. The figures represent the value of imported merchandise entered for consumption, including entries for immediate consumption, and withdrawals from warehouse for consumption. The column headed Government expenditures is taken from the annual table published in the *Finance Report*. The figures are obtained by adding "net expenditures," "premiums," and "interest on the public debt." The figures for Customs Revenues are also found in the annual table in the *Finance Report*. The column of percentages is obtained by dividing the value of customs revenues each year by the expenditures of the government. It is to be regretted that these tables are quite faulty. The following are the defects so far as can be pointed out. The fiscal years, for which the value of imports is given, end on September 30th from 1791 to 1843, but on June 30th after 1843. The years for which the amount of Government expenditures and also for Customs Revenues are given end on December 31st from 1791 to 1843, and on June 30th after 1843. The figures for the value of customs duties represent net values previous to 1850, but gross values after that year. Further, owing to the system of credit allowed by the government in the payment of customs duties from 1791 to January 1, 1842, the actual customs revenue collected during any year between these dates does not represent the actual payments on merchandise entered during that year. There is a "lagging" of revenue receipts, and consequently before 1842 the full effect on revenues of an increase or decrease in imports, usually does not appear until the year after the change was made. This explains, for example, why, as is seen by Chart I., imports fell and revenues rose in 1813. Such unreliable tables, it must be admitted, are a very defective basis for an inductive study. It is for this reason that more detailed use has not been made of them in the historical examination. No more reliable figures were obtainable, either from the regular government reports or from the officials now in Washington. Mr. Worthington C. Ford, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, who was appealed to for assistance, acknowledged the extreme faultiness of the figures issued by the government, but could hold out no hope of anything more reliable. He, however, regarded the use of the govern-

ment figures as legitimate. On this point he says: "So long as you refer specifically to the document from which you draw your figures, I see no objection to using them, as the onus is thus thrown upon the bureau issuing them." The inaccuracy of the government reports is a striking commentary upon the financial methods, past and present, of the government.

IMPORTS, CUSTOMS REVENUE, AND EXPENDITURES OF THE UNITED STATES, 1791-1883.

(,000 omitted)

YEAR.	Total Value Imports.	Value of Dutiable Imports.	Government Expenditures.	Value of Customs Revenue.	Per cent. of Customs Revenue to Government Expenditures.
1791.....	\$ 28,687	\$.....	\$ 3,107	\$ 4,399	\$141.5
1792.....	29,746	.....	8,269	3,343	41.6
1793.....	28,990	.....	3,846	4,255	110.3
1794.....	28,073	.....	6,297	4,801	76.2
1795.....	61,266	.....	7,309	5,588	76.6
1796.....	55,136	.....	5,790	6,567	113.4
1797.....	48,379	.....	6,008	7,549	125.6
1798.....	35,551	.....	7,607	7,106	93.4
1799.....	33,546	.....	9,295	6,610	71.1
1800.....	52,121	.....	10,813	9,080	83.9
1801.....	64,720	.....	9,393	10,750	114.4
1802.....	40,558	.....	7,976	12,438	155.9
1803.....	51,072	.....	7,952	10,479	131.7
1804.....	48,768	.....	8,637	11,098	127.3
1805.....	67,420	.....	9,014	12,936	143.5
1806.....	69,126	.....	9,449	14,667	155.2
1807.....	78,856	.....	8,354	15,845	189.6
1808.....	43,992	.....	9,061	16,363	180.5
1809.....	38,602	.....	10,280	7,257	70.5
1810.....	61,008	.....	8,474	8,583	101.2
1811.....	37,377	.....	8,178	13,313	162.7
1812.....	68,534	.....	20,280	8,958	44.1
1813.....	19,157	.....	31,681	13,224	41.4
1814.....	12,819	.....	34,720	5,998	17.2
1815.....	106,457	.....	32,943	7,282	22.1
1816.....	129,964	.....	32,196	36,306	112.7
1817.....	79,891	.....	19,990	26,283	131.4
1818.....	102,323	.....	20,018	17,176	85.2
1819.....	67,959	.....	21,522	20,283	94.2
1820.....	56,441	.....	18,285	15,005	82.
1821.....	43,696	41,965	15,849	13,004	82.5
1822.....	68,395	64,841	15,000	17,589	117.2
1823.....	51,310	48,684	14,706	19,088	129.7
1824.....	53,846	50,763	20,273	17,878	88.1
1825.....	66,395	62,687	15,857	20,098	126.7
1826.....	57,652	53,002	17,037	23,341	137.
1827.....	54,901	52,010	16,139	19,712	122.1
1828.....	66,975	62,963	16,394	23,205	141.5
1829.....	54,741	51,259	15,184	22,681	142.7

IMPORTS, CUSTOMS REVENUE, AND EXPENDITURES OF THE UNITED STATES, 1791-1883 (*Continued*).
(,000 omitted)

YEAR.	Total Value Imports.	Value of Dutiable Imports.	Government Expenditures.	Value of Customs Revenue.	Per cent. of Customs Revenue to Government Expenditures.
1830.....	\$ 49,575	\$ 46,063	\$ 15,142	\$ 21,922	\$144.7
1831.....	82,808	77,300	15,237	24,224	158.9
1832.....	75,327	68,330	17,288	28,465	164.6
1833.....	83,470	63,258	23,017	29,032	126.1
1834.....	86,973	47,248	18,627	16,214	87.
1835.....	122,007	64,211	17,572	19,391	110.3
1836.....	158,811	88,690	30,868	23,409	75.8
1837.....	113,310	62,333	37,243	11,169	29.9
1838.....	86,552	48,391	33,864	16,158	47.7
1839.....	145,870	80,682	26,896	23,137	85.6
1840.....	86,250	44,139	24,314	13,499	55.5
1841.....	114,776	57,698	26,481	14,487	54.7
1842.....	87,996	64,650	25,134	18,187	72.3
1843.....	37,294	25,722	11,780	7,046	59.8
1844.....	96,390	79,705	22,483	26,183	116.4
1845.....	105,599	89,934	22,954	27,528	119.4
1846.....	110,048	91,401	27,261	26,712	97.9
1847.....	116,257	100,419	54,920	23,747	43.2
1848.....	140,651	125,705	47,618	31,757	66.6
1849.....	132,565	118,854	43,581	28,346	65.
1850.....	164,034	148,051	40,948	39,668	96.8
1851.....	200,476	182,565	47,821	49,017	102.5
1852.....	195,387	173,737	44,560	47,339	106.2
1853.....	250,157	225,424	48,164	58,931	122.3
1854.....	276,088	253,535	57,916	64,224	110.8
1855.....	231,650	201,736	59,502	53,025	89.1
1856.....	295,650	246,047	69,111	64,022	92.6
1857.....	333,511	283,569	67,997	63,875	93.9
1858.....	242,678	187,385	74,556	41,789	56.
1859.....	316,823	249,966	68,993	49,565	71.8
1860.....	336,282	267,891	63,200	53,187	84.1
1861.....	274,656	207,235	66,650	39,582	59.3
1862.....	178,330	128,487	469,570	49,056	10.4
1863.....	225,375	195,348	718,734	69,059	9.6
1864.....	301,113	262,950	864,969	102,316	11.8
1865.....	209,656	169,559	1,296,817	84,928	6.5
1866.....	423,470	366,349	523,505	179,046	32.2
1867.....	378,158	361,125	357,542	176,417	49.3
1868.....	344,808	329,661	377,340	164,464	43.5
1869.....	394,440	372,756	322,865	180,048	55.7
1870.....	426,346	406,131	309,653	194,538	62.8
1871.....	500,216	459,597	292,177	206,270	70.6
1872.....	560,419	512,735	277,517	216,370	77.9
1873.....	663,146	484,746	290,345	188,089	64.7
1874.....	567,443	414,748	302,633	163,103	53.8
1875.....	526,260	379,795	274,623	157,167	56.5
1876.....	464,586	324,024	265,101	148,071	55.8
1877.....	439,829	298,989	241,334	130,956	54.2

IMPORTS, CUSTOMS REVENUE, AND EXPENITURES OF THE UNITED STATES, 1791-1883 (*Continued*).

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YEAR.	Total Value Imports.	Value of Dutiable Imports.	Government Expenditures.	Value of Customs Revenue.	Per cent. of Customs Revenue to Government Expenditures.
1878.....	\$438,422	\$297,083	\$236,964	\$130,170	\$54.9
1879.....	439,292	296,742	266,947	137,250	51.4
1880.....	627,555	419,506	267,642	186,522	69.6
1881.....	650,619	448,061	260,712	198,159	72.
1882.....	716,213	505,491	257,981	220,410	85.
1883.....	700,829	493,916	265,408	214,706	80.8
1884.....	667,575	456,295	244,126	195,067	79.9
1885.....	579,580	386,667	260,226	181,471	69.7
1886.....	625,308	413,778	242,483	192,905	79.5
1887.....	683,418	450,325	267,932	217,286	81.
1888.....	712,248	468,143	297,924	219,091	81.7
1889.....	741,431	484,856	299,288	223,832	74.7
1890.....	773,674	507,571	318,040	229,668	72.2
1891.....	854,519	466,455	365,774	219,522	60.
1892.....	813,601	355,526	345,023	177,452	51.4
1893.....	844,454	400,282	383,478	203,355	53.